

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to urge you to please grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals (docket # 98P-0151/CP1). These animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed for human consumption. Not only can there be bacterial contamination, but they could be afflicted with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy "Mad Cow Disease". Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals that are slaughtered, so the economic impact would not be hindered by not allowing human consumption. Removing the market for downed animals would provide an incentive for the industry to provide better care of these poor animals, which would prevent more downed animals. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,



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